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SUBJECT: ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

1. MR. L.M. TURNQUEST, ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF LABOR AND HOME AFFAIRS, CONFIRMED TO DCM ON AUG 14 THAT MINISTER OF LABOR DARRELL ROLLE SPOKE TO A MIAMI NEWSMAN LAST WEEK ABOUT IMPORTING FOREIGN WORKERS, INCLUDING HAITIANS, ON A TEMPORARY BASIS UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. TURNQUEST REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT THE MINISTER WAS REFERING TO AN IDEA THAT HAS BEEN IN THE MINDS OF SOME GCOB OFFICIALS FOR SOME TIME AND WHICH COULD ONLY BE IMPLEMENTED IF AND WHEN THE ILLEGAL ALIEN POPULATION PRESENTLY IN THE BAHAMAS IS REDUCED TO ZERO THROUGH REPATRIATION. WHEN THAT IS ACCOMPLISHED, TURNQUEST SAID, SPECIAL LABOR NEEDS COULD BE MET BY IMPORTING WORKERS THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS WITH DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. FOR INSTANCE, HE SAID, CERTAIN KINDS OF AGRICULTURAL LABOR COULD POSSIBLY BE BROUGHT IN FROM HAITI FOR A SPECIFIC PERIOD OF TIME FOR SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL TASKS AND
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THEN RETURNED TO HAITI UPON COMPLETION OF THOSE TASKS.

2. TURNQUEST WANTED US TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS ONLY AN IDEA; IT IS NOT A PROGRAM. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS IDEA IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE FORESEEABLE

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